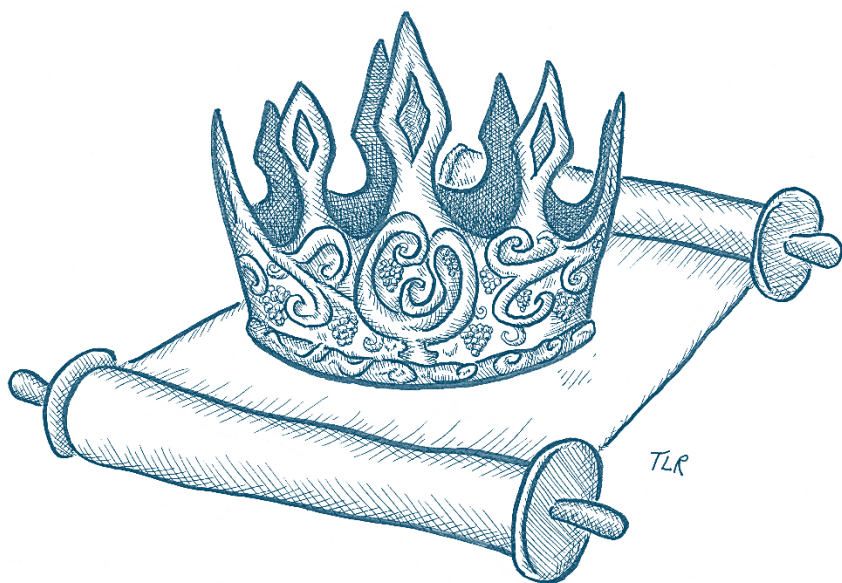


VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMACH, PA



"If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,' you are doing well." — James 2:8 NASB'95

FEBRUARY THE 23RD. AD 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-third Day of February, *in the Year of our Lord 2025*



- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -



Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

Our series on Church History examines the forerunners to the Reformation as we wrap-up our studies in the Medieval Church.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Love Lifted Me"* (#308; chorus only).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Our Great Savior"* (#1; vv. 1-4).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-18.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* (#78).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"The Family of God"* (#75).*

Dismissal for Children's Church.

Message: *"RESOLVED: Trusting in the Sovereignty."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Blest be the Tie that Binds"* (#74).

Benediction.*



**Please stand, if able.*

Week of Feb. 16 – Feb. 22



Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—13;

Offering—\$1,327.⁰⁰

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study—temporarily suspended

Video: *"RESOLVED: Part III"*—118 views

"RESOLVED: Part II"—150 views

BIRTHDAYS: HELAINA GORMAN (2/24), WOODY BURKETT (2/26).

Our WINTER POTLUCK fellowship meal is on March 2nd, directly following services. **EVERYONE** is welcome; bring whatever you would like.



Pastor Salomon Zambo (1/29/25): “Africa is Bubbling!”

Dear brethren, Words cannot express our gratitude for all those who are partaking in the equipment of African saints, we definitively engaged ourselves. We have nothing to prove again after all these victories we are now encountering. From Chad, Nigeria, CAR, Cameroon, Eastern Africa, new pastors are coming up and new churches are building in new areas we never been before!



My trip in these various countries and the Mission effort you endorsed for the training of these men has not been in vain. On the 23 of February 2 new pastors in Mfomakap GBC are going to be ordained. It makes now 6 in less than 7 years since I came to Mfomakap. 3 at Ekounou and 3 at Mfomakap. The death of Pastor Jean Bounomgam our Yaounde Practorium cannot even stop

the undergoing training since Pastor Ngah is taking the leadership. Douala is planning also to ordain 2 pastors, not to talk about Garoua, Ngaoundere etc who have been adding to our fellowship pastors from their Practoriums. The recent gifts of Boxes of 35 good books from Canada (Christian Publishing) to all our pastors and some now in Chad has been tremendous. We rejoice for Woabete. 5 men that have been baptized and open a door to a new church, the Mobile Medical Outreach has given to us! Dear Brethren be proud as CGBCI, to have sent missionary teams here in Africa and they have succeeded by leaving an African fellowship very limited in resources, but bold in witnessing Jesus and training men and women for the work of Evangelism and those among the men called, for the Pastoral ministry they have been called. Thanks for being such a big part in this! Thanks for sharing the same burden.

PROPOSED CLASSES ON THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

“until we all attain to the unity of the faith”

Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA, 2/9/25

Eph. 4:11-14: And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

The God of Truth (Isa. 65:16) is NOT one of confusion and chaos! Rather, He is a God of **peace** who demands that all things be done **decently and in order** (1 Cor. 14:33, 40). Brethren, it is the will of God that every local congregation press on to maturity and experience the basic **“unity of the faith”** that Paul is talking about in Eph. 4:13. This unity—*born out of doctrinal truth and conviction*—is ultimately manifest in a given local church’s attending outward behavior and practices.

We have some work to do in this area. Since coming to Armagh, I have encountered within the context of the local church a wide and bewildering variance of beliefs that are decidedly at odds with the teachings of the historic Grace Brethren Church. It is my studied conviction that many difficulties that we have seen within the local fellowship are ultimately grounded in a lack of Biblical maturity and doctrinal disinterest and/or disunity. The same is true nationally, with the Grace Brethren Church dividing in 1992 due to the pernicious influence of a doctrinally compromised *neo-evangelicalism* that cast aside our heritage and shattered our unity as Brethren.

With these concerns in mind, I am proposing a **series of “catechismal” classes** for **all interested parties** based upon the **Statement of Faith**. Unlike our lengthy and extensive preaching series on Sunday Morning, this succinct and limited series of classes would be 10 to 12 weeks in length. **Please let me know ASAP** if you would be interested in such instruction, so that I can organize and lay the proper preparations. For those who are considering formally uniting themselves to the local church, such a regimen of classes is *required*.